

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-8. (Previously Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method of making a nut and plate washer assembly, comprising:

forming a nut body having a shank and a head, with a central bore therethrough being threaded;

knurling an outer surface of said shank to form knurls thereon;

forming a washer body having an opening therethrough between first and second opposed surfaces;

providing a recess in one of said washer surfaces; and

press fitting said washer body on said nut body shank, with said nut body head disposed in said recess, such that during said step of press fitting, said knurls engage a wall defining said opening in said washer body, and such that once assembled, said knurls extend from inside said washer body along substantially that portion of said shank that is exposed outside said washer body.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, said step of forming said washer body performed by stamping.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[14]]~~ 9, said step of forming said washer body performed by stamping.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9, said step of forming said nut body performed by machining.

14. (Original) The method of claim 9, including forming the nut body with a first material, and forming the washer body of a second material different from the first material.

15-20. (Previously Cancelled)